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CURRENT NEWS.

WASHINGTON.

A Washington dispatch of the 22d says: The cabinet was in session to-day. The heads of the several departments presented estimates for the next fiscal year, which were reduced to the lowest figures possible. A view of the falling off in revenues. The aggregate amount required will not vary materially from appropriations made for the present fiscal year, with the exception of the deficiency in the Post-office Department and increased expenditures in the Indian office.

J. Winthrop Taylor has been appointed Surgeon-General in the Navy, in place of Surgeon Greer, retired.

President Sherman, accompanied by Secretary Sherman, attended the Cumberland (Maryland) Fair on the 22d.

Henry Budd, of Little Rock, Ark., has been appointed agent for the Indians of Hooper Valley Agency, California.

Attorney-General Devens has instructed the United States District Attorney at Charleston, S. C., to prosecute to the full extent of the law the persons charged with violations of the law in regard to the elective franchise.

Major George A. Gordon, Fifth Cavalry, died at Washington on the 22d, of consumption, which disease he contracted during the severe Indian campaign of 1876.

WEST AND SOUTHWEST.

There were 23 deaths from yellow fever at New Orleans on the 22d. At Memphis, Tenn., and at Vicksburg, with a few scattering cases throughout the fever district. Very few new cases reported.

The Memphis Relief Committee announced that they would cease the distribution of rations after the 23d.

The New Orleans Leagues announced that no further requisitions would be issued after the 23d, and that consequently no further supplies are needed.

Lieut. H. B. Benner, who died from yellow fever while in command of the relief station at Chambers, left a widow and two small children entirely destitute. A movement is on foot to raise a sufficient sum by contributions to place them in a comfortable condition pecuniarily.

Mr. Sylvester T. Smith, Auditor of the Kansas Pacific Railroad under the late receivers, has been appointed Receiver of that road, vice C. S. Greeley, resigned, and Henry Villard, removed. The appointment was made pursuant to an agreement between the attorneys of the various parties in interest.

Dodd, Brown & Co., the largest and best known wholesale dry-goods house at St. Louis, suspended on the 22d. Liabilities about \$1,000,000, mostly to Eastern houses. Assets not estimated.

A destructive prairie fire has devastated the Sappa Valley in Kansas, following close upon the heels of the Indian depredations. The Polk County, Nebraska, has also suffered extremely from prairie fires, and it is reported that seven persons were burned to death and others severely injured.

Don Demont, one of the gang who planned to rob the Kansas Pacific train but were "given away" by one of their number, was shot and killed 15 miles south of Ellsworth on the night of the 21st, by a detective named Light. Demont was wounded at the time of the capture of his companion, Rourke, but managed to escape in the brush.

Two masked highway men robbed the stage between Fort Worth and Bedford, Texas, on the 22d. The mail pouches were rifled of their contents and three passengers relieved of all their valuables.

Senator Christianity of Michigan is slowly recovering from a severe illness, but is still unable to perform any mental labor, even to writing letters.

The leading Democrats of Iowa, after consultation, have decided to meet on Tuesday in November is the only legal election day for Congressmen in that State, and that the omission of the Governor's proclamation does not deprive the people of jurisdiction.

Representative House, of Tennessee, in a speech at Nashville acknowledging his renomination, declared that "God's own hand had closed the bloody chasm; greater than the victory at Appomattox, the victory won by the people of the North in their noble contributions to the stricken South."

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Russia is steadily retreating from her obligations under the treaty of Berlin in Europe. The premature occupation of Bosnia by Austria has produced a dispute between that country and the Porte, which Russia skillfully exploits. The Sultan now refuses to sign any convention which does not limit the time of the Austrian occupation. The Austrians, having met with resistance which involved an expenditure of so much blood and treasure, refuse to be bound down to a term, and plainly indicate an intention of annexing the occupied provinces permanently.

The official main is in controversy as to the treaty of Berlin, and relieves her of the obligation of evacuating Bulgaria. She therefore announces, not merely that she is going to hold Bulgaria in defiance of the treaty of Berlin, but that she will not consent to the finances of eastern Roumelia being administered by a European Commission. In compliance with the nineteenth article of the treaty, she has appointed a Commission for the present between the various Commissioners appointed to regulate the concerns of this anomalous creation of the treaty of Berlin.

The political crisis in Austria seems likely to force new issues upon that country. The rival parties are becoming intensely bitter, Germans and Hungarians for once united against the Emperor. The Emperor is rapidly acquiring a dangerous preponderance, and which the annexation of Bosnia must increase to a formidable extent.

In Russia nihilist plots are so rife that the Emperor has issued a decree forbidding warning employers not to engage workmen from abroad, especially from Germany, as they promote the growth of the democratic party.

Cardinal Cullen, Archbishop of Dublin, died on the 24th. He was born in England in 1803 and nominated Cardinal in 1866.

Two hundred and fifty lives were lost and \$2,000,000 worth of property destroyed by the overthrow of the Damiata branch of the Nile.

Schouvaloff will succeed Gortschakoff as Russian Prime Minister, on account of the latter's precarious health.

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